

To whom it may concern;

I am very concerned about the trend with large Media conglomerates to use the public airwaves to influence public opinion in an election that affects ALL Americans. How can I, as an individual who disagrees with the opinion of these organizations ever compete to have my voice heard with an equal opportunity to expose that opinion to the public If I don't Own a broadcast station?

In your arguments to allow the Centralization of Media ownership you insisted that this would have no censoring effect on free speech, yet the recent efforts by Sinclair Broadcasting, one of the media conglomerates, to insist that their large group of TV stations Broadcast a biased film that was created for the sole purpose of discrediting one of the Presidential Candidates who happens to represent a full 50% of the American public. As many of us objecting to your loosening of ownership rules have pointed out, the power of Centralized media ownership is that it can prevent a balanced access to the publicly owned airwaves. This is proof of our worst fears as a full 50% of the American public will have their voice weakened by the one-sided access to the airwaves.

The FCC needs to get this dangerous assault on Democracy in the United States under control. Please strengthen media ownership rules. The discussion on weakening these rules isn't even over and we already have an example of why unbridled media control can hurt the American people.

Thank you,
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